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For: **BUFFER SYSTEM FOR A WAFER HANDLING SYSTEM**

(This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/822,505 which is a CIP of U.S. Patent Application 09/248,070, now U.S. Patent 6,212,961)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of each document on the Form PTO-1449, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

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